REMARKS

The foregoing amendment replaces original Claims 1-11 with new Claims 12-82.

The new claims are of the same generic scope as the original claims, but have been written in conformity with U.S. law and practice. In particular, multiple dependent claims, language such as "characterized in that", "can", "can be", "such as", "and/or", "preferably" and "in particular", and improper chemical nomenclature have been eliminated. The new claims now separately claim combinations previously claimed in multiple dependent claims or claims containing "preferably" language. Rewriting the claims has thus resulted in a larger total number of claims, but improper multiple dependent claims and other improper language have been eliminated. No new matter has been added. New Claim 12 replaces original Claim 1. New Claims 13 and 14 replace original Claim 2. New Claims 15-17 replace original Claim 3. New Claims 18-20 replace original Claim 4. New Claims 21-32 replace original Claim 5. New Claims 33-50 replace original Claim 6. New Claims 51-58 replace original Claim 7. New Claims 59-70 replace original Claim 8. New Claims 71-74 replace original Claim 9. New Claims 75-78 replace original Claim 10. New Claims 79-82 replace original Claim 11.

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In view of this amendment and the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement, an early Action on the merits is believed to be in order and is earnestly solicited.

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